



2018 Awards Jury Graduate Program

The 2018 Awards Jury Graduate Program is an initiative the Victorian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects trialing. This program is specific to the Victorian Chapter.

The purpose of this program is to offer Architectural Graduates, who are current Institute members, the opportunity to sit alongside Awards juries at selected award program events. The program will allow participants to experience the process of the Institutes Awards program and to be mentored by the experienced architects selected to be jury members for 2018.

It is important to note that the graduate will be sitting on a jury in a non-voting capacity.

The Program

Awards program events you will get to attend as an observer include:

Jury Information Session | Thursday 22 February, 6 - 8pm

The purpose of the Jury Briefing is to allow members of the jury teams to meet each other and, more formally, to brief them on the requirements of sitting on a jury.

Presentation to Juries | Friday 23 March (PM) & Saturday 24 March

Participants are invited to sit with the jury in a **non-voting capacity** to watch presentations. The graduates will have the opportunity to sit through deliberations with jurors during breaks and lunch.

Site visits | 13 – 19 April (N.B. site visits may be scheduled at any point during these days. Regional sites may require visits to be scheduled outside of these dates)

Participants will be given a site visit schedule for their jury, where possible graduates can accompany a jury on the Awards program site visit.

N.B. Transport will be discussed with the Jury Chair but is ultimately the responsibility of the participant to arrange their own transportation.

Exhibition of Entries Opening Night | Thursday 24 May

Participants will receive one free ticket to attend the opening night of the Exhibition of Entries, every year the Victorian Chapter holds an exhibition showcasing all entries in that year's program. This year the awards shortlist will also be announced at this event.

Selection

Graduates will complete an expression of interest form.

14 graduates will be chosen from the pool of applicants by the Victorian Chapter Awards Committee. Each successful applicant will then be designated to an awards jury.

The Committee will seek to promote diversity and professionalism throughout the program.

All successful applicants are only able to participate in the Award Jury Graduate Program **once**.



Conflict of Interest

Even though you are participating in a purely **non-voting capacity** you must notify the Institute or your Jury Chair of any conflicts of interest for projects viewed at Presentation to Juries. Invariably some entrants may be a friend of a participating graduate in which case the potential conflict arising from any such relationship is a matter of integrity and ethical responsibility of the Graduate concerned. However, a potential or perceived interest, or conflict of interest, arises where a Graduate has any;

- Involvement in a submitted project by direct or indirect participation in it; or
- Personal issues relating to the project including: previous conflicts, direct family relationships, or ethical/moral objections towards the nature of the project or any of its component, or other personal biases towards the client, entrant or others involved in the project.

Where a potential or perceived conflict of interest is identified, anyone involved in the judging process including the juror themselves may report it to their local Chapter Awards Officer.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality is a valued and respected AIA Awards tradition. Confidentiality is crucial to the success of the Awards evening and supported by the entire community.

All jury deliberations and decisions that the graduate will share in should be considered strictly confidential. Participants are required to refrain from making any public comment about any projects assessed within their respective juries' category. This includes details of site visit schedules and shortlisting.

All successful graduates will be required to sign a Confidentiality Deed before participating.

Communications and Social Media

Public statements regarding projects and the awards process are strictly prohibited by any graduate.

Graduates must not make any negative comment about any particular project to any person outside the jury.

Out of respect for the integrity of the judging process, participants are required to refrain from posting any social media regarding projects under consideration during the judging period. This particularly applies to site visits.

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